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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hollingsworth)
(Coauthor: Senator Morrow)

December 23, 2002

An act to amend Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to airports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 77, as amended, La Suer. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Existing law provides that the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has exclusive responsibility within its area of jurisdiction to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansions, or enhancements at existing and future airports within its control.

This bill would exclude the sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona from the authority's exclusive responsibilities to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at existing or future airports.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

170048. (a) The authority shall have the exclusive responsibility within its area of its jurisdiction, *except within the sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona*, to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at existing or future airports within its control, ~~except within the sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona.~~

(b) The authority may commission planning, engineering, economic, and other studies to provide information to the board for making decisions about the location, design, management, and other features of future airports.

(c) The San Diego Association of Governments, or its successor, shall cooperate with the authority to include all airport system plans and facilities selected by the authority in the regional transportation plan consistent with state and federal law.

(d) (1) Not later than March 1, 2002, the San Diego Association of Governments and the port shall transfer and assign to the authority all contracts in force for studying possible sites for an airport, the economic viability and impact of an airport, the environmental consequences of an airport, public opinion or attitudes regarding an airport's location, and any other contracts related to the location and development of an airport in the County of San Diego.

(2) The contracts described in paragraph (1) shall include, but need not be limited to, the contracts associated with the Joint Aviation Advisory Committee.

(3) The transfer of contracts required under this subdivision shall include the contemporaneous transfer of revenue from state or federal grants, local funds, and other sources of revenue committed to funding the contracts until their completion. The authority shall accept all obligations, as well as all rights, included in the transferred contracts.

(e) The policy direction for the study described in subdivision (d) shall become the responsibility of the authority. The authority shall consider the concepts and ideas of the San Diego Association

1 of Governments, the port, and other entities, both public and
2 private.

3 (f) The authority may continue the Joint Aviation Advisory
4 Committee to assist in conducting the analyses for determining a
5 site for a new airport.

6 (g) The authority, the San Diego Association of Governments,
7 local agencies, and the Department of Transportation shall
8 cooperate to develop effective surface transportation access to new
9 and existing airports.

10 (h) The authority shall adopt a comprehensive plan on the
11 future development of San Diego's regional international airport.
12 In developing its plan, the authority shall review all options of
13 alternative sites, including, but not limited to, expansion of the
14 existing airport site, use of current military installations that may
15 become available for civilian or mix-use, and other development
16 options available to address future airport needs. The authority
17 shall submit the particular site recommendation in the form of a
18 local ballot proposition to the San Diego County Registrar of
19 Voters for placement on either the November 2, 2004, or the
20 November 7, 2006, countywide election ballot.

